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At least 6 dead in Canada bus, train crash



OTTAWA (AFP) - A double-decker bus crashed into a train at a crossing in a suburban neighborhood of Canada's capital Wednesday, killing at least six people and leaving scores injured, authorities said.

Thirty people were hurt, with 10 in serious condition, officials told reporters following the morning commute collision.

"We had bodies and debris pretty much everywhere at the impact site," fire department spokesman Marc Messier told CTV earlier.

Ottawa police said it was investigating the crash in the suburban neighborhood of Barrhaven, about 17 kilometers (10 miles) south of downtown Ottawa.

Transport officials are also probing the incident.

"All available resources are allocated to the scene," police said in a statement.

The Via Rail company operating the affected train on the Ottawa-to-Toronto line -- on which traffic has been suspended -- reported no fatalities. The train was on its way from Montreal.

The OC Transpo bus was headed downtown during the morning rush hour when the accident happened shortly before 8:48 am local time (1348 GMT).

At the time, the train was just 30 meters (100 feet) from stopping at a nearby station.

The front of the bus was mangled and sheered off while the entire train was derailed by the crash, with the locomotive resting at a 45 degree angle, according to an AFP reporter at the scene.

The accident happened just over two months after an oil tanker train derailed and exploded in the Quebec resort town of Lac-Megantic, killing 47 people.

Dutch Director of Business Concern in The Netherlands presents business plans for Aruba



Director of the Nederlands Centrum for Handelsbevordering, an institution working on the promotion of Dutch exportation, presented official plans to Aruba for co-operation with NCH and Aruba. His plans were presented here at the Edward Cheung Center for Innovation in the presence of Aruba's press, the

Dr. Siemons indicated, "we have a solid base this year to explore the possibilities within the Kingdom, and together we must grab these opportunities available in Latin America." According to Siemons, Dutch companies have been accelerating their efforts with respect to Latin America. What is important, according to Siemons is that

Dutch companies want to qualify the opportunities with their partners in Aruba and explore how they can do business and if necessary make investments.

NCH has a concrete concept on how to achieve their goal. How they will operate on a daily basis with each other and how they will offer guidance to countries like Colombia, Panama, Brazil and later on other countries in Latin America. Siemons is of the opinion that the concept is fantastic if every one wants for Aruba to be a "happy sustainable island." TNO is a tremendous partner that Aruba has and is a good example for other Dutch companies.

We will continue to inform our Dutch companies of the opportunities in Aruba so they can be conscious of the various countries in Latin America..and use Aruba as a spring board to get to them.

Siemons was very grateful for the fine cooperation from ARINA, the Ministers Eman and Hooyboer-Winklaar. Dr. Siemons' efforts are definitely applauded here!

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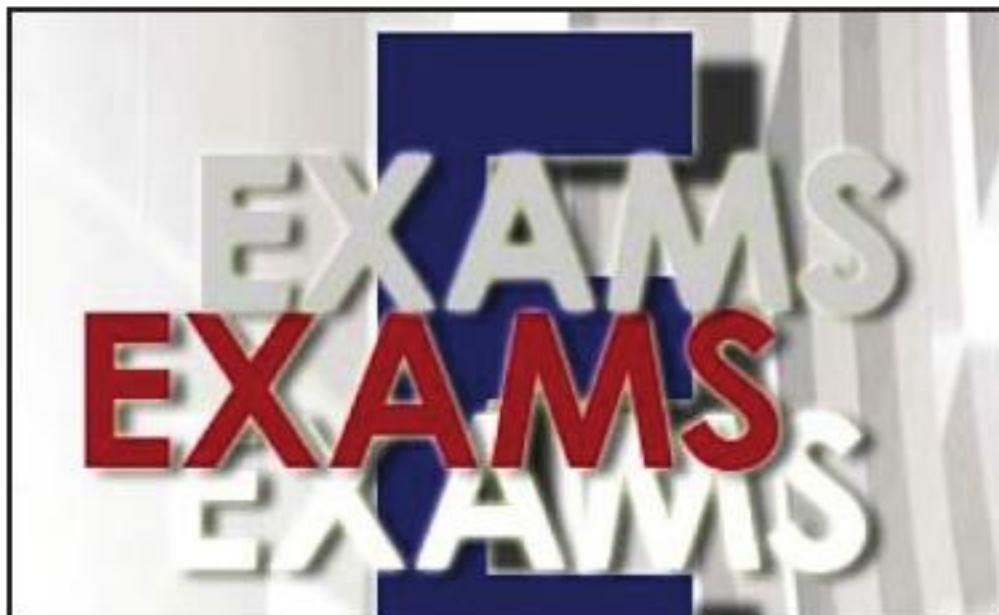


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Application for State exams (Landsexamen) 2014



As of the schoolyear 2010-2011 the State exams for VWO/HAVO/MAVO are being given based on the "New Format."

This "New Format" entails that they will be working with "profiles." Students can choose between three different profiles; Mens en Maatschappijwetenschappen, Natuurwetenschappen en Humaniora.

Application for the 2014 state exams will take place during the period of September 1st to 30th, 2013. The application forms are available via the website of the Department of Education: www.ea.aw (under letter L of landsexamen). Download

this form to apply and fill it in completely. The form can then be submitted to the Exam Bureau in the Belgiesstraat #2. Candidates who have complied with all the necessary inscription rules and has passed the screening will be notified to submit all other documentation to complete the application process.

Applications received after September 30th, 2013, and those not filled out correctly will not be processed.

Who can participate in the State Exams for Mavo/Havo/Vwo?

1. a) those who submitted an application form on time (before October 1st, 2013) completely

filled in

- b) those who have paid the required fee for the exam on time
- c) those who are 17 years of age or older can participate in the Mavo exam
- d) those 18 years or older can participate in the Havo exam'
- e) those 19 years or older may participate in the Vwo exam.

Excluding point 1, those attending a Mavo, Havo or Vwo school and want to achieve one "vakdiploma" (diploma in a certain subject) on the same level as at the school they are attending. This subject may not be part of the subject package the student chose at school.

Certificates obtained on Aruba are valid for a period of maximum 10 years as of August 1st 2012. This means that certificates older than 10 years cannot be changed for a Vwo, Havo or Mavo diploma.

As of school year 2013-2014 the subject Economy of Vwo will be examined according to the new exam program. Candidates who are applying for the first time for Vwo Economy will be examined based on the new exam program.

As of school year 2014-2015, there will no longer be a Vwo Economy exam based on the old exam format.

For more information, please visit the website at www.ea.aw and search L for Landsexamen in the alphabet menu.

One may also visit their Facebook at facebook.com/educationaruba, where information is constantly updated.

Thousands more jobs to go at Dutch defence

Thousands more jobs will have to go if the defence ministry is to find a further €350m in cuts, defence minister Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert said on Tuesday.

An extra 2,500 jobs will be scrapped, the minister confirmed after the presentation of the 2014 budget. Defence has already cut 12,000 jobs in an effort to find the original €1.33bn in savings demanded by the government.

Hennis-Plasschaert also confirmed the Netherlands will buy 37 JSF jet fighters to replace its aging fleet of F-16s.

Rotterdam

Sources told Nos television the jobs to go will be found by closing the Van Ghent Barracks in Rotterdam and the Joost Dourlein Barracks on Texel. The defence ministry already announced the closure of the Johan Willem Friso Barracks in Assen.

In a reaction, Rotterdam mayor Ahmed Aboutaleb said

Hennis-Plasschaert has no feel for history if she wants to close the Van Ghent Barracks, which have been in the city since the 17th century.

Aboutaleb told the Telegraaf he will be taking up the matter with parliament.

Uncertainty

Marc de Natris of military union GOV/MHB told the Telegraaf the armed forces have not yet got their breath back from the previous round of cuts. 'The reorganisation is not yet complete and a new round of uncertainty has already arrived,' he said.

Hennis-Plasschaert wants a smaller defence force with 'a full tool kit that can engage in any violent situation', a source told the NRC.

However, all three services will have to find more savings. For instance, the navy will not take delivery of the logistics ship currently being built in Vlissingen. The ship, which costs €400m, will be sold as soon as it is finished.

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The certificate was presented by Ms. Darline S. de Cuba representing Aruba Tourism Authority with Mrs. Milca Erasmus conducting the ceremony held at Paradise Beach Resort.

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Ruth's Chris Aruba receives 2013 Wine Spectator Award of Excellence



Palm Beach, Aruba (September 17, 2013) – Recently Ruth's Chris Steak House Aruba received the 2013 Wine Spectator "Awards of Excellence" Award. The Wine Spectator Award of Excellence is handed to restaurants worldwide that offer a list with a well-chosen selection of quality producers, along with a thematic match to the restaurant menu in both price and style.

Ruth's Chris Steak House General Manager Wiebe de Roos shared his enthusiasm "We are excited to be a part of Wine Spectator 2013 Award of Excellence. It is great to be recognized for our impeccable wine list at Ruth's Chris Aruba."

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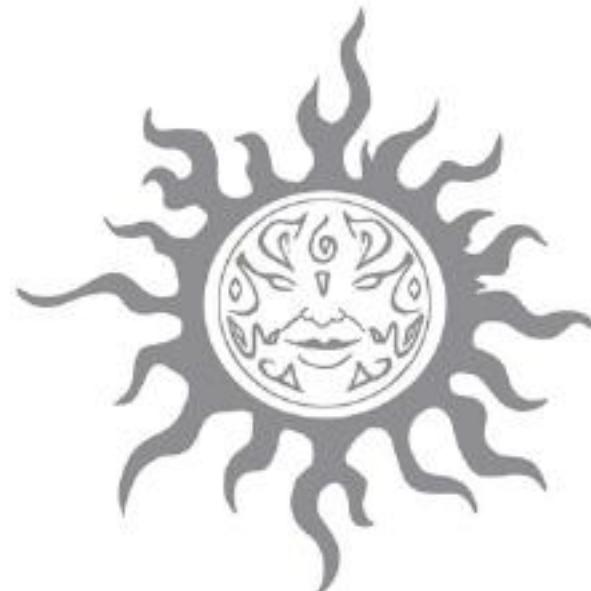
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London exhibition reveals unglamorous history of pearls

LONDON (AFP) - Pearls have long been one of nature's riches, cherished by kings, queens and movie stars, but a new exhibition in London opening on Saturday suggests their origins are far less glamorous.

The show at London's Victoria and Albert (V&A) museum debunks the myths that pearls develop from sand inside a shelled mollusc, revealing instead that they are formed around the larvae of a tapeworm excreted by another animal.

"If you cut a pearl in two you will never find a grain of sand," co-curator Hubert Bari told AFP.

We will never know if this knowledge would have dimmed Marilyn Monroe's love for the necklace of cul-



tured pearls given to her by Joe DiMaggio in 1954, which she continued to wear during their divorce proceedings.

But her necklace and more than 200 other pieces of jewellery and works of art on show at the V&A do reveal the ancient and near universal love of the beads, which continues today.

Other gems on display are the pearl-drop earring worn by England's king Charles I at his execution in 1649, and some of the royal jewels sold after the French

Revolution.

"We are telling the history of pearls through history," Beatriz Chadour-Sampson, a jewellery historian and co-curator of the show, told AFP.

"In Roman times, pearls were mainly a sign of luxury and power, authority and rank.

"Then we move on to the medieval period, where the birth of the pearl is compared with the Immaculate conception of Mary."

Pearls have long been surrounded in mythology, representing sadness, sorrow but also happiness, she explained.

"It has been said that they were the tears of God falling on the water," Chadour-Sampson said.

"Pearls" runs until January 19.



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The first activity introduced by Coca-Cola is an opportunity to take Pictures with the World Cup trophy.

The photo shoot will take place on November 2nd. The World Cup is an 18 karat gold piece and represents two human figures holding on to the world.

How to participate?

Buy 6 cans of Coca-Cola or 4 20oz bottles or 2 bottles of 2 liters. Submit the sales receipt at Tropical Bottling Company at Balashi at the Carry Out. Every two weeks they will announce a winner of this tremendous opportunity.

Visits to supermarkets:

An other chance to win a ticket to take a Photo shoot is during their visits to supermarkets. An official Coca-

Cola team will be visiting the supermarkets from September 7th to October 26th.

How can you win?

There will be 4 different ways to win; a Samba dancing challenge, where you can demonstrate your Samba skills, score and win in the Coca-Cola goal, and by recycling Coca-Cola. There are also Happy Hours where you can buy your preferred Coca-Cola drink.

Schedule:

The Coca-Cola team will be visiting different supermarkets during the noon to 4:00pm hours. The schedule is as follows: Food Center in San Nicolaas on September 14, Cheng's at Bubali on September 21st, Macro in San Nicolaas on September 28th, Superfood Bubali on October 5th, Mundo in Noord on October 12th, Winter Garden in Pos Chiquito on October 19th and at Sing Fung in Oranjestad on October 26th.

Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to become one of the happy winners to get a photo shoot with the World Cup and enjoy the football games during FIFA World Cup in Brazil!

Mexico faces new storm, tourists seek Acapulco exit

ACAPULCO (AFP) - Mexican authorities scrambled Wednesday to clear landslides blocking the only roads out of Acapulco while tourists lined up to be airlifted out as the rain-drenched country braced for new storms.

At least 57 people have died in Mexico since major storms hit opposite coasts this week, the first double onslaught in 50 years, unleashing floods and mudslides that still affect much of the country.

New threats emerged as the US National Hurricane Center warned that a tropical cyclone could form on the east coast while Manuel, which had dissipated after making landfall on Sunday, regenerated into a tropical storm south of Baja California.

Further south on the Pacific coast, workers toiled to remove a mountain of mud stuffed in a tunnel and rocks strewn on the two roads linking Acapulco to Mexico City.

The state of Guerrero, where Acapulco lies, has been the hardest hit by the deluge, registering 27 deaths while 15,000 people have been placed in shelters.

President Enrique Pena Nieto warned that the roads would remain shut until at least Friday or Saturday.

"One of our major priori-

ties is opening traffic between Acapulco and Mexico City," Pena Nieto told reporters after visiting the former haunt of Hollywood stars.

He said opening the roads is urgent "not only for people who have to travel on that road and have to go home, but also because it is obviously an important supply route."

With the airport submerged in dark water, the military and commercial carriers set up an airlift that has flown around 3,000 rain-weary holidaymakers to Mexico City since Tuesday.

The military has brought 60 tonnes of supplies and 8,000 liters of water to Acapulco, Defense Secretary Salvador Cienfuegos said.

Helicopters will deliver food in mountain areas and look for people who need to be evacuated.

In Acapulco, more than 40,000 Mexican and foreign beachgoers have been marooned in the flooded city for five days, with more than half of Acapulco covered by floods.

Amid the chaos, thousands of people looted a Costco wholesale store on Tuesday, wading out of the flooded shop with televisions, food and even fridges.

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On September 25th! Mary Joan Foundation to present lecture on "Early Menopause & Hormonal Therapy"

The Mary Joan Foundation wishes to invite everyone for an interesting lecture on "Early Menopause and Hormonal Therapy" on September 25th at Fantastic Gardens in Bushiri.

Gynecologist Dr. Harold Narain will be giving the lecture.

A woman who has had breast cancer goes through different treatments for their health and medical condition. There are women who due to these different treatments enter menopause at an early age.

The types of treatments young women tend to receive may affect their menstrual cycle by lowering the amount of estrogen in your body, affecting how the ovaries work, or both. These can:

- * stop your periods



- * lessen or end fertility
- * cause menopausal symptoms
- * affect bone health
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with hormonal therapy is most often used as an adjuvant therapy to help reduce the risk of the cancer coming back after surgery, but it can

be used as neoadjuvant treatment, as well. It is also used to treat cancer that has come back after treatment or has spread.

A woman's ovaries are the main source of the hormone estrogen until menopause. After menopause, smaller amounts are still made in the body's fat tissue, where a hormone made by the adrenal gland is converted into estrogen.

Estrogen promotes the growth of cancers that are hormone receptor-positive. About 2 out of 3 of breast cancers are hormone receptor-positive — they contain receptors for the hormones estrogen (ER-positive cancers) and/or progesterone (PR-positive cancers). Most types of hormone therapy for

breast cancer either stop estrogen from acting on breast cancer cells or lower estrogen levels. This kind of treatment is helpful for hormone receptor-positive breast cancers, but it does not help patients whose tumors are hormone receptor negative (both ER- and PR-negative).

Mary Joan Foundation gives lectures to raise awareness concerning breast cancer, while also giving emotional, spiritual and physical support to cancer patients or those who are recuperating.

For more information please call the Mary Joan Foundation at tel.: 588-999 or find them on Facebook: Mary Joan Foundation Aruba or visit their website: www.maryjoanfoundation.aw.

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People wait to be airlifted as a helicopter lands on a collapsed road



Hundreds of stranded tourists gather around a Mexican Air force jet waiting to be evacuated

"Unfortunately, there is desperation, but more army and navy troops have arrived," Mayor Luis Walton told MVS radio. "We ask people to remain calm."

Some 2,000 tourists have taken shelter in a concert hall, where airlines set up makeshift check-in counters, while 1,000 more were housed in a convention center.

"It was a hellish vacation," said Cynthia Aguilar, a 26-year-old Mexico City resident waiting in line to get on a flight.

While Acapulco is no longer a favorite haunt of Hollywood stars, and drug gang violence has risen, several tourists were keeping the nightlife alive amid the floods, drinking and eating in bars playing loud music.

"We endured a horrible weekend without light, water or food. The water began to rise as much as one meter (three feet)," said Maria Fernanda Gonzalez, 27, drinking a beer with friends at a beach-

front bar.

On the city's main boulevard, cars were abandoned in

front a gas station that had run out of gas.

Embassies In Indonesia warn of Miss World attack threat

JAKARTA (AFP) - Embassies in Indonesia are warning their nationals that extremists may attack the Miss World beauty pageant on the resort island of Bali after a series of hardline Muslim protests.

The United States, British and Australian embassies have in recent days all issued warnings.

"The embassy has received information that extremist groups may be planning to disrupt the Miss World pageant being held in Bali from September 8 to 28, potentially through violent means," said the US embassy in Jakarta in a statement.

The British embassy said that "local Islamist vigilante groups have threatened to hold large-scale demonstra-

tions to disrupt the Miss World pageant".

It added that "extremist groups may also be planning to attack the event".

Bali has been attacked by Islamic militants before, most notably in 2002 when bombings on the resort island killed 202 people, many of them foreigners.

However, Indonesia, which has the world's biggest Muslim population, has waged a crackdown on militant groups over the past decade and has succeeded in dismantling key networks.

In recent weeks thousands of radicals have taken to the streets protesting against the decision to hold Miss World in Indonesia, denouncing it as "smut" and "pornography".






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Syria 'gave assurances' it will meet chem handover deadline: Russia

MOSCOW (AFP) - The Syrian government gave assurances Wednesday that it will comply with a one-week deadline to hand over information about the size and location of its chemical weapons arsenal, a Russian diplomat said after talks with the Damascus regime.

The Saturday deadline is the first big test of a US-Russian plan to eradicate Syria's chemical weapons in a bid to ward off US-led military action against President Bashar al-Assad's regime over a gas attack on a Damascus suburb last month.

"We have received assurances here that this will be done on time," Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov was quoted as saying by Russian television after talks in Damascus, which included a meeting with Assad.

Despite having jointly agreed a deal under which Syria will turn over its chemical weapons stockpile, Moscow and Washington remain at loggerheads over who launched the August 21 attack.

Ryabkov accused UN inspectors studying the gas attack of ignoring "very factual" evidence provided by the Damascus regime.

Evidence related to the

Mexico storm death toll rises to 80: official

ACAPULCO (AFP) - The death toll from storms that have swept across Mexico rose to 80 on Wednesday, a civil protection official said.

"The number of deaths has regrettably risen, we have 80 for the moment" in a dozen states, national civil protection director general Ricardo de la Cruz told a news conference. Separately, the mayor of the municipality of Atoyac, Edilberto Tabares, said at least 18 people were killed in a landslide that struck 30 homes in the mountain village of La Pintada.

He added that 50 to 60 more people may be trapped in the rubble.

Interior Minister Miguel Angel Osorio Chong, however, said federal authorities have yet to confirm any deaths but that pictures from the area were "not encouraging."

deadly incident "was given to Mr. (Ake) Sellstrom who headed the group of UN inspectors," he said according to remarks aired on Russian state television.

"We are upset that it did not receive adequate attention in the report."

A UN report released on Monday concluded that sarin gas was used in the attack in which hundreds died, and the US and its allies have claimed that the findings by Swedish expert Sellstrom and his team showed that the attack was perpetrated by the Syrian government.

Moscow and Damascus have strongly denied the allegation, blaming rebels for the attack.

Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Wednesday said evidence implicating Syrian rebels in the attack would be given to the United Nations Security Council.

"There is a lot of (data) regarding the incidents that occurred in August in Ghouta near Damascus. We will be reviewing all of it in the Security Council," Russian news agencies quoted Lavrov as saying.

The United States, meanwhile, has said it will maintain the threat of force if Damascus fails to abide by the accord.



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Starbucks asks customers not to bring in guns



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Starbucks is asking armed customers to leave their guns at the door, but not banning firearms outright.

In gun-crazed America, with its epidemic of school and other mass shootings, the latest just this week in Washington, DC itself, some states allow people to carry licensed guns out in the open.

Starbucks has been thrust into the bitter national debate on tougher gun control laws because it defers to local legislation on carrying guns openly.

That has led opponents of stricter gun laws to stage so-called Starbucks Appreciation Days at some of its cafes.

In a statement issued Tuesday night, Starbucks chairman and CEO Howard Schultz said the coffee chain known around the world "does not want these events in our stores."

He said anti-gun activists have also been "ratcheting up the rhetoric and friction" by soliciting and confronting customers and employees.

Schultz said Starbucks finds itself unwillingly in the middle of the national debate.

That's for several reasons: the company wants to give "responsible gun owners" a chance to honor the request, and because a ban might force employers to confront customers with guns.

International News

Partying Scots force plane into emergency landing in France

LILLE (AFP) - A group of drunk, dancing Scottish passengers caused such a commotion on a Ryanair flight from Glasgow to Ibiza that they forced the plane to make an emergency landing near Paris.

Police said Wednesday that 16 Scots had been thrown off the plane at Beauvais airport north of the French capital on Tuesday evening and questioned by authorities.

"They thought they had already arrived in Ibiza," a police spokesman said, explaining that after buying duty-free alcohol in Glasgow, they drank it on the plane and started dancing, causing such a ruckus that the pilot decided to divert to Beauvais.

The plane eventually took off again without the partying passengers, who were released in the early hours of Wednesday and directed to a Beauvais train station to go to Paris.

According to Beauvais airport management, the Ryanair crew has made an official complaint against the Scots, who could face charges at a later date.



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Google launches new health company

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Google announced Wednesday it was launching a new company focused on health and well-being, and hinted at cooperation with longtime rival Apple in the venture.

A Google statement said the company called Calico "will focus on health and well-being, in particular the challenge of aging and associated diseases."

Arthur Levinson, chairman and former chief executive of the biotech firm Genentech and chairman of Apple, will be Calico's chief executive and a founding investor.

Announcing the new investment, Google CEO Larry Page said: "Illness and aging affect all our families. With some longer term, moonshot thinking around healthcare and biotechnology, I believe we can improve millions of lives." Levinson said in the same statement: "I've devoted much of my life to science and

technology, with the goal of improving human health. Larry's focus on outsized improvements has inspired me, and I'm tremendously excited about what's next."

Levinson will remain chairman of Genentech and a director of Hoffmann-La Roche, as well as chairman of Apple, the statement noted.

Apple's CEO Tim Cook was quoted in the Google statement as saying: "For too many of our friends and family, life has been cut short or the quality of their life is too often lacking. Art is one of the crazy ones who thinks it doesn't have to be this way. There is no one better suited to lead this mission and I am excited to see the results."

Time magazine, which interviewed Page ahead of the announcement, said the details of the project were not yet clear but that it is likely to use its data-processing to shed new light on age-related maladies.

Bullied teen's photo used to advertise dating website



ionechat.com posted other images of Rehtaeh to promote its dating services, but it has since been shut down.

"When I first saw it I thought, 'You gotta be kidding me,'" Rehtaeh's father Glen Canning told AFP.

"My daughter dealt with so much online harassment, and it drove her to suicide, and here you have an ad on Facebook using her image for a dating website. It's just sick," he said.

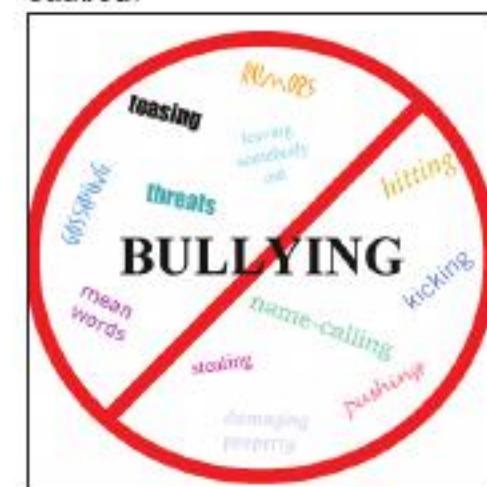
Canning said he doesn't know if the photographs were lifted off the Internet and used without knowledge of Rehtaeh's tragic story, or whether the website was looking to use her image specifically to create buzz for itself.

Regardless, Facebook

moved quickly to shut it down, and apologized to Rehtaeh's family.

A spokeswoman for Facebook said in an email to AFP: "This is an extremely unfortunate example of an advertiser scraping an image from the Internet and using it in their ad campaign."

The ad has been removed and the advertiser's account has been permanently deleted, she said, adding: "We apologize for any harm this has caused."



OTTAWA (AFP) - Parents of a Canadian girl who killed herself after months of cyberbullying following a rape were sickened on Wednesday that her image was used to advertise an online dating service.

Seventeen-year-old Nova Scotia teenager Rehtaeh Parsons died in April.

Two young men were arrested last month for circulating photographs of four boys allegedly raping her at a drunken party in 2011.

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Cuba lifts punishment of musician who sang for reform



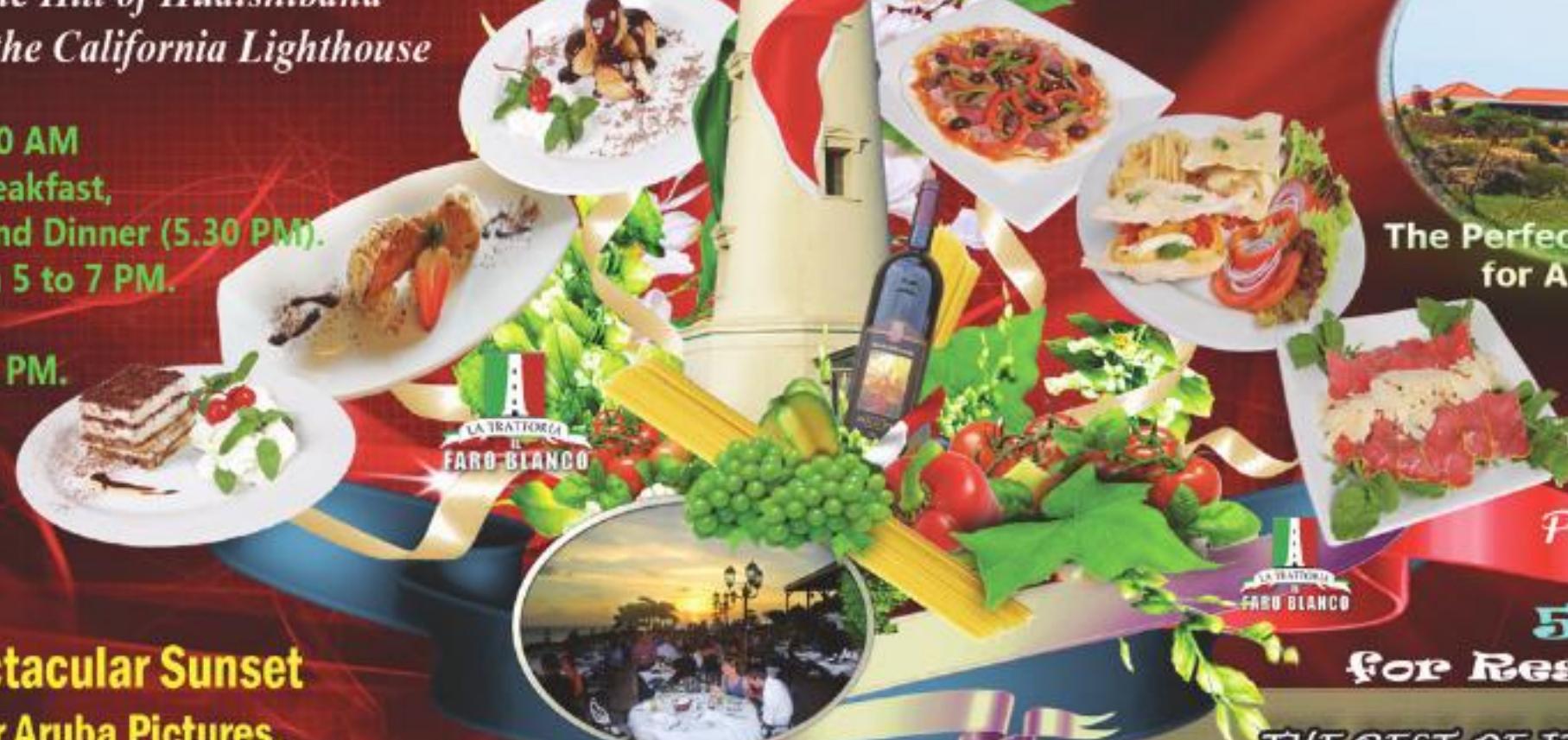
HAVANA (AFP) - A Cuban jazz musician punished for sneaking an appeal for political reform into a song at a televised concert has been forgiven by the government, a fellow musician says. In his performance last week, jazz pianist Roberto Carcasses called for the right to vote directly for president, free access to information on the communist-run island and other changes. Carcasses did it by tweaking the lyrics of a song. He was called in by the Culture Ministry the next day, and slapped with an indefinite ban on playing in Cuba. But ministry officials have held now lifted the ban after meeting with Carcasses again, Silvio Rodriguez, a popular singer who backs the government, said Tuesday night.

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New meningitis vaccine slashes cases by 94 percent

PARIS (AFP) - A new vaccine being rolled out in the "meningitis belt" that stretches across north-central Africa has reduced cases of the potentially fatal disease by 94 percent, doctors reported.

Researchers monitored the spread of type A meningococcal disease in Chad after the new vaccine, MenAfriVac, had been approved by world health watchdogs in 2010.

Three regions of Chad where around 1.8 million people had been vaccinated by December 2011 were compared with the rest of the country where the vaccine had yet to be introduced.

In the vaccinated regions, around 2.5 cases of meningitis of any kind, and none of meningitis A, were recorded per 100,000 people, compared to more than 43 cases per 100,000 in the unvaccinated areas, a fall in incidence of 94 percent.

The risk of transmitting the germ was reduced by 98 percent among those who had been vaccinated, according to throat swabs and other evidence.

Meningitis causes an inflammation of the membranes that protect the spine and brain. It can cause deafness or paralysis and can be life-

threatening.

Several species of bacteria can cause the disease, but the most prevalent strain is called serogroup A.

Around 450 million people are at risk from meningitis A in a band of 21 countries stretching from Senegal to Ethiopia.

MenAfriVac, developed under a public-private partnership, is being rolled out across the "belt" to people aged one to 29.

So far more than 100 million people have been vaccinated.

An outbreak in 14 African countries in 2009 caused more than 88,000 suspected cases and at least 5,000 suspected deaths.

LONDON (AFP) - Stephen Hawking, the British theoretical physicist who suffers from motor neurone disease, has publicly backed the notion of assisted suicide for people with terminal illnesses. Hawking is regarded as one of the world's most brilliant living scientists, who shot to popular fame with his 1988 international bestseller "A Brief History of Time". He is also known for his disability, having spent most of his life in a wheelchair and speaking through a machine. Hawking suffers from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a form of motor neurone disease that attacks the nerves controlling voluntary movement. After suffering from pneumonia, he was once put on a life support machine which his wife was given the option of switching off. Asked about the idea of assisted suicide, Hawking said: "I think those who have a terminal illness and are in great pain should have the right to choose to end their lives and those that help them should be free from prosecution. "We don't let animals suffer, so why humans?" He was speaking in an interview aired Tuesday ahead of the premiere of a new film about his life on Thursday, and after the release of a new book last week entitled "My Brief History".



Male suicides rose after 2008 financial crash: study

PARIS (AFP) - The 2008 financial crisis that devastated many Western economies also reaped a heavy toll in suicides among men, a study published suggests.

Health researchers analysed data for suicides among people aged over 15 in 54 countries, comparing rates before and after the crash.

In 2009, there were 4,884 more suicides compared with the normal trend, they said.

Suicide numbers in 2009 were 4.2 percent higher in 27 European countries and 6.4 percent higher in 18 countries in the Caribbean and Latin America.

The benchmark is the suicide trend for 2000-2007, extrapolated to 2009.

The increases occurred among men, rising 3.3 percent in 2009 compared with this trend, says the study, pub-

lished online by the British Medical Journal (BMJ).

Among European men, there was an 11.7 percent rise in suicides in the 15-24 age group.

In the Americas, the biggest increase was among men aged 45-64, which saw a rise of 5.2 percent.

Among women, though, there was an overall decline of 0.5 percent in 2009 compared with what would have been expected if the crisis had not occurred.

The survey covered 21 European Union member states, six non-EU countries, including Russia, the United States, Canada and 16 countries in the Caribbean and Latin America, four Asian economies (Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Singapore) and five other countries, including Mauritius and Israel.

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Sci-Tech**Apple-Samsung patent partial retrial set for November**

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - A US judge ordered a new trial for November to review a portion of the damages tossed out in the landmark patent case involving Apple and Samsung.

Judge Lucy Koh set the case for November 19, according to the northern California district court docket.

The new trial became necessary after the judge cut some \$450 million from a damage award of more than \$1 billion to be paid by Samsung in a case in which the US firm accused its South Korean rival of copying technology from the iPhone and iPad.

Koh, in her ruling in March, affirmed the remainder of the award, amounting to \$598.9 million.

Apple accused its rival of massive and willful copying of its designs and technology for smartphones and tablets, and won the landmark case in a jury decision in August 2012. But the case has been on hold pending multiple appeals.

The California case is among several pending in courts and administrative agencies around the world between the two electronics giants, each of which accuses the other of infringing on its patents. After years of following and refining the iPhone's pioneering innovations -- a strategy that resulted in bitter patent battles with Apple -- Samsung has dethroned its California-based rival to become the world's top smartphone maker.

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Ecuador's Correa calls for Chevron boycott

AGUARICO (AFP) - Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa called Tuesday for a global boycott of Chevron, as part of a campaign to highlight Amazon pollution that Quito has attributed to the US oil giant.

Chevron has never worked directly in Ecuador but inherited a pollution lawsuit when it acquired Texaco in 2001, and has yet to pay an associated \$19 billion fine.

"This is one of the biggest environmental disasters in the world," Correa said as he launched the campaign in the town of Aguarico, in the north Amazonian province of Sucumbios, where Texaco operated between 1964 and 1990.

"The tools that we will use

to fight Chevron are the truth and a call for solidarity of citizens of the world to not buy Chevron products," he said.

Correa -- a leftist leader often critical of the United States -- dipped his hand in a pool of oily sludge left in the area and held it up for the cameras.

"To save a few dollars, Chevron used the worst mining techniques. There are around a thousand pools like this in our Amazon, and they were never taken care of, just hidden by a layer of earth to deceive the Ecuadoran state," he said.

Chevron said in a statement that Correa "has once again decided to interfere in the



Chevron case" and accused him of "providing a distorted and inaccurate account of the history of these oil fields and who is responsible for the environmental impact."

Chevron maintains that state oil company Petroecuador is responsible for the pollution and cleaning of Aguarico and that the trial was marred by a corrupt judge.

Indigenous groups and local farmers sued Texaco for environmental pollution after it left the country in 1990.

After years of litigation, Chevron was ordered in 2012 to pay \$19 billion, but the ruling, which it claimed was fraudulent, has yet to be reviewed by Ecuador's highest court.

Ecuador hopes that music and film stars as well as renowned environmental activists will visit the Amazon to support the cause.

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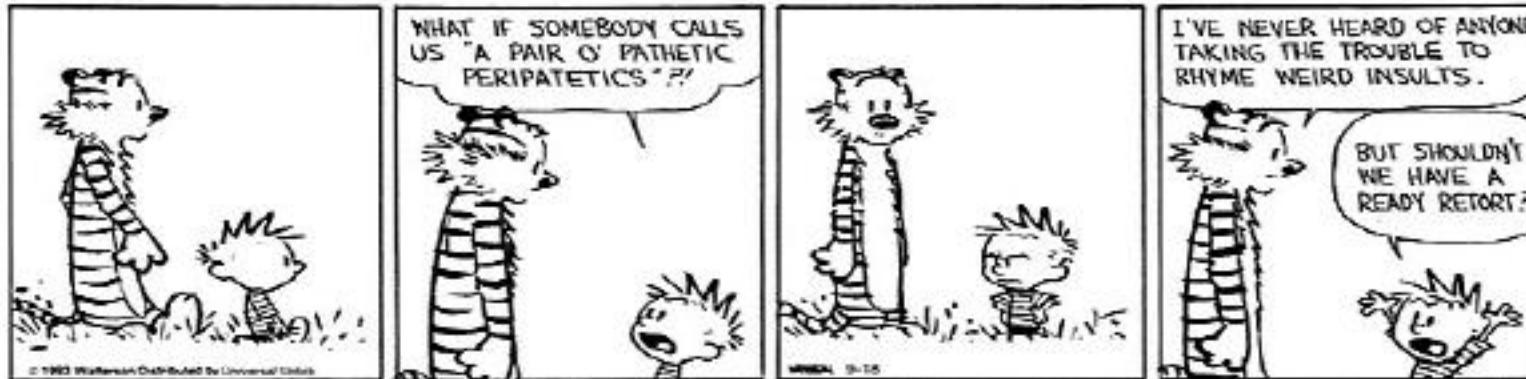
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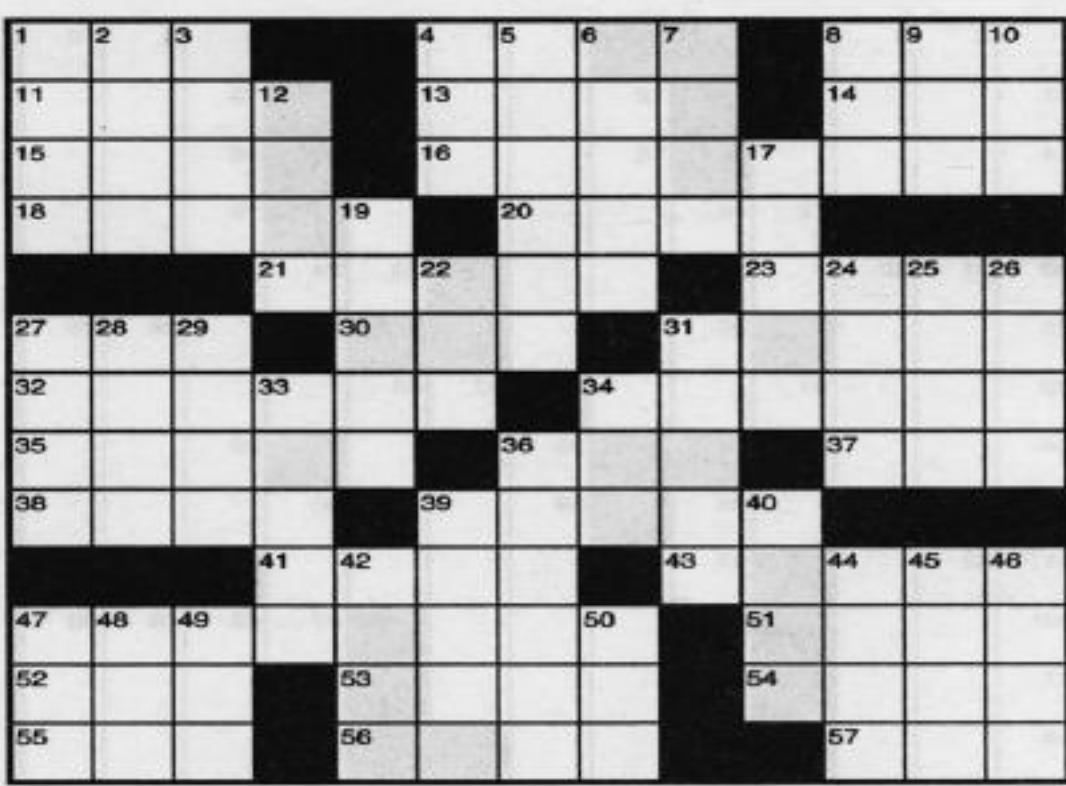
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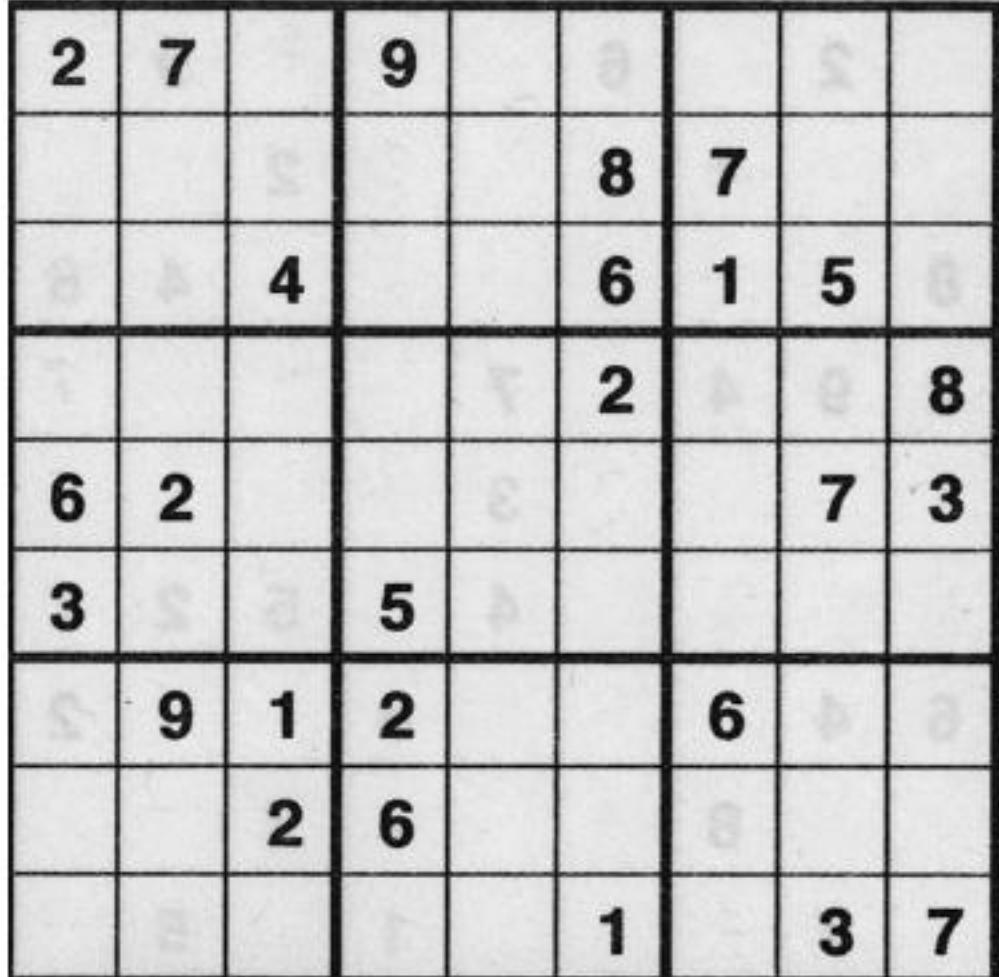
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UBS Japan pays US \$100 mn in Libor rate-fixing case

NEW YORK (AFP) - A federal judge Wednesday signed off on a \$100 million fine on UBS's Japan subsidiary, part of a larger global crackdown on the Swiss banking giant in the Libor rate-rigging scandal.

US District Judge Robert Chatigny sentenced UBS Securities Japan Co. Ltd. to a \$100 million fine in which it also admitted criminal conduct. The fine is part of a \$1.5 billion settlement agreed by parent UBS last December with Swiss, British and US regulators.

The Japan scheme dated from September 2006, when a senior trader at UBS's Tokyo office "orchestrated a sustained, wide-ranging and systemic scheme" to move Yen Libor in a direction favorable to the

trader's positions, the Justice Department said in a news release.

Libor, which stands for the London Interbank Offered Rate, is a leading benchmark used in financial transactions worldwide.

UBS Japan made false and misleading Libor submissions to the British Bankers Association, which publishes Libor, and caused other market participants to make false Libor submissions to the BBS, the Justice Department said.

Regulators from the US, Britain and Switzerland last December unveiled a \$1.5 billion settlement with parent company UBS involving penalties and disgorgement to a number of regulators.

PARIS (AFP) - Standard & Poor's on Wednesday put Portugal's BB long-term credit rating on watch for a possible downgrade over increased risks the eurozone nation will fail to meet the fiscal targets under its international bailout. S&P's rating action comes as auditors from the International Monetary Fund, the European Commission and the European Central Bank are currently in Lisbon to review Portugal's progress under its 78-billion-euro bailout and whether to release a 5.5-billion-euro loan instalment. Portuguese government officials have called for easing the country's 2014 public deficit reduction target from 4.0 percent to 4.5 percent of GDP, which the troika of lenders have already indicated they will turn down.

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Dow, S&P 500 close at all-time highs on Fed news

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - The Federal Reserve on Wednesday left its \$85 billion a month stimulus program in place, surprising economists and markets expecting a reduction that would confirm a strengthening US economy.

Fed policy makers cut their growth forecast for this year and next, and said they wanted to further gauge the impact of ongoing government spending cuts and a spike in interest rates in the past four months on the economy.

In addition, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke said, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) was wary of possibly "very serious consequences for the financial markets" of the brewing political battle in Washington over a new budget and the US debt ceiling.

Bernanke said that the FOMC could still begin reducing the \$85 billion a month bond-buying program, aimed at holding long-term interest rates low, this year, but only if the outlook for the economy strengthens.

Markets, which had anticipated the beginning of the end of the quantitative easing (QE) bond-buying program since May, reacted sharply.

Stocks soared on the news of the Fed's continuing QE injections into the economy, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average and S&P 500 rocketing up around 1 percent to new record closing highs.

Bond yields plummeted, the benchmark 10-year US Treasury sinking to 2.70 percent from 2.87 percent from just before the Fed announcement.

The dollar sank as well. The euro bought \$1.3510, up from

\$1.3340, and the dollar fell to 98.01 yen from 99.33 yen.

It was the dollar's lowest level against the euro since February.

The FOMC said in its policy statement that, since its July meeting, the economy continued to grow at a "modest" pace and appeared to be holding up against the sharp "sequester" spending cuts by the federal government.

Nevertheless, it said, it was holding back on reducing the QE program "to await more evidence that progress will be sustained."

"The committee sees the downside risks to the outlook for the economy and the labor market as having diminished, on net, since last fall." "But the tightening of financial conditions observed in recent months, if sustained, could slow the pace of improvement in the economy and labor market."

Reflecting those concerns, the FOMC reduced its 2013 growth forecasts by 0.3 percentage point to a range of 2.0-2.3 percent, and lowered its prediction for next year to 2.9-3.1 percent.

And FOMC members reiterated that they only expected to begin truly tightening monetary policy, by lifting the benchmark federal funds rate, in 2015.

The rate has been locked at an ultra-low 0.0-0.25 percent level since the end of 2008.

Bernanke had signaled in May and June that the FOMC would ratchet down the QE program from as early as this month, with the expectation of winding it up completely by mid-2014.

For most analysts, the debate

was only over how much the bond purchases would be cut -- with the guesses from \$5 billion a month to \$25 billion a month.

The prospects of the removal of that much liquidity from the economy had already pushed up interest rates, with average 30-year home mortgage rates jumping in four months from 3.32 percent to 4.48 percent.

That change has already slowed the rebound in the housing market, which has been crucial to the economy's recovery.

But another key focus has been unemployment, which, at August's 7.3 percent rate, remains "elevated", according to the Fed.

But the rate has fallen steadily from 8.1 percent in August 2012, and appeared to be closing on the 7.0 percent threshold Bernanke had cited for ending the QE program entirely.

Bernanke however argued that the jobless rate does not tell the whole story -- that much of the fall has come from falling participation in the labor force.

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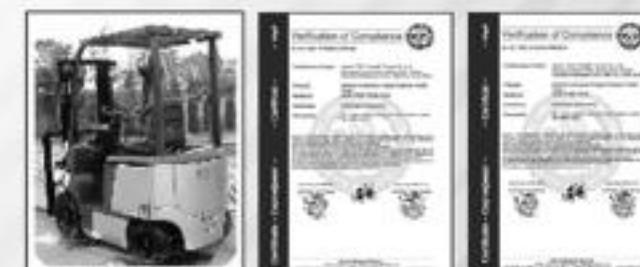
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Nigerian wins Muslim beauty pageant rival to Miss World



JAKARTA (AFP) - A Nigerian woman tearfully prayed and recited Koranic verses as she won a beauty pageant exclusively for Muslim women in the Indonesian capital Wednesday, a riposte to the Miss World contest that has sparked hardline anger.

The 20 finalists, who were all required to wear head-scarves, put on a glittering show for the final of Muslimah World, strolling up and down a catwalk in elaborately embroidered dresses and stilettos.

But the contestants from six countries were covered from head to foot, and as well as beauty they were judged on how well they recited Koranic verses and their views on Islam in the modern world.

After a show in front of an audience of mainly religious scholars and devout Muslims, a panel of judges picked Obabiyi Aishah Ajibola from Nigeria as the winner.

While the event in a Jakarta shopping mall paled in comparison to Miss World on the

resort island of Bali, in which scores of contestants are competing, Ajibola was nevertheless overwhelmed.

Upon hearing her name, the 21-year-old knelt down and prayed, then wept as she recited a Koranic verse.

She said it was "thanks to almighty Allah" that she had won the contest. She received



Members of a hardline Indonesian Muslim group stage an anti-Miss World beauty pageant rally in Jakarta

25 million rupiah (\$2,200) and trips to Mecca and India as prizes.

Ajibola told AFP before the final that the event "was not really about competition".

"We're just trying to show the world that Islam is beautiful," she said.

Organisers said the pageant challenged the idea of beauty put forward by the British-run Miss World pageant, and also showed that opposition to the event could be expressed non-violently.

The pageant, which also featured bright Indonesian Islamic designer wear, is a starkly different way of protesting Miss World than the approach taken by Islamic radicals.

Thousands have taken to the streets in Indonesia in recent weeks to protest Miss World, denouncing the contest as "pornography" and burning effigies of the organisers.

Despite a pledge by Miss World organisers to drop the famous bikini round, radical anger was not appeased and the protest movement snowballed.

The government eventually bowed to pressure and ordered the whole pageant be moved to the Hindu-majority island of Bali, where it opened on September 8.

Later rounds and the September 28 final were to be held in and around Jakarta, where there is considerable hardline influence.

Contestants this year for the first time, with Iran, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Brunei, Nigeria and Indonesia represented.



MUMBAI (AFP) - Hindu devotees take idols of elephant-headed Hindu god Ganesha for immersion deep inside the Arabian Sea on the last day of the ten-day long Ganesha festival, in Mumbai on Wednesday. During the ten-day Ganesh Festival Hindu devotees bring home idols of Lord Ganesha and offer prayers in temporary temples in order to invoke his blessings for wisdom and prosperity, culminating with the immersion of the idols in bodies of water, including the ocean on the tenth day.

Princess Diana film opens after critical mauling



PARIS (AFP) - The film "Diana" starring Naomi Watts, which received a critical drubbing after its premiere in London earlier this month, gets its first European general release in Hungary from Thursday.

Purporting to tell the story of the late Princess Diana's romance with UK-based Pakistani heart surgeon Hasnat Khan, the movie has been dismissed by Khan as "based on hypotheses and gossip".

Some scenes in the film depict incidents already widely reported in British media such as Khan being smuggled into Diana's Kensington Palace London residence lying on the backseat of her car covered in a blanket or Diana meeting his mother in Lahore in Pakistan.

Others are either less well known or purely imaginary such as Diana accompanying Khan to a jazz club disguised in a brown wig and bedroom scenes such as one in which they are shown lying under a cover by a bed.

In the absence of testimony from Khan, the film is necessarily controversial as it draws on author Kate Snell's 2001 book "Diana: Her Last Love" with which Khan did not coop-

erate.

It suggests that Diana had been dating Dodi Fayed, who died with her in a car crash in Paris, in order to make Khan jealous following the break-up of the relationship, a claim disputed by many close to her.

Diana, who was divorced from Charles in 1996, died aged 36 alongside Fayed and Henri Paul, the French chauffeur of the car in which they were travelling, in August 1997.

Sixteen years earlier, as Lady Diana Spencer, she was catapulted to global fame when she married heir to the British throne Prince Charles in a "fairy tale" ceremony at St Paul's Cathedral.

But as the world's most photographed woman, she ultimately fell victim to an increasingly rapacious paparazzi.

The film generated controversy even before its premiere in London after Watts appeared to claim in an interview that Diana had in some way granted approval for the film from beyond the grave.

"I felt like I was spending a lot of time with her. There was one particular moment when I felt her permission was granted," the actress told Britain's Mail on Sunday newspaper.

The British-Australian actress later stormed out of a promotional interview with BBC radio, apparently offended by some the line of questioning.

Directed by Germany's Oliver Hirschbiegel, best known for his 2005 film "Downfall" about the last days of Hitler, the film has been officially ignored by the royal family.

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-- Fans of Aruba's favorite sports bar are happy to hear that Buster's Garage has relocated to the restaurant/bar space inside Trop Casino. Now Eagle Beach resort guests have a great place for a bargain-priced breakfast or a bucket of beer while rooting

for the team of their choice.

Buster's has that great, homey feel of settling in to enjoy a game with buddies, greatly due to the warmth and enthusiasm of owner Rusty. He takes pride in making patrons feel welcome. "If somebody really needs to watch

their home team on the field, we'll be happy to put it on for them," he confidently assured us. "We have 3 satellite dishes with separate packages to pick up every station imaginable. If there is a game going on out there somewhere, we'll find it."

With giant screens everywhere throughout the joint, there isn't a bad seat in the house. Aside from their all day menu of game-watching favorites, they also feature a hearty breakfast menu. The "Grand Slam Platter" includes eggs any style, pancakes or waffles, bacon, juice, fresh made home fries with coffee or tea for only \$9. Lunch and dinner menus reflect the same moderate pricing with required sports bar standards such as chicken wings, club sandwiches, burgers and a heaping helping of nachos, averaging \$9; pizza and main courses range from \$11 to \$15.



A whopping cheese nachos w/chicken dish

Aside from the games and the gambling, patrons can expect great entertainment three nights weekly with one of Aruba's most popular trios, "Threesome." There are also some wild times getting acquainted with Rusty's Beer Pong, the Drinking Game of Champions. Win or lose, play-

ers always end up with a smile on their face.

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--Continuing with our en route to the World Cup, Brazil 2014 we'll present today #3 of the best 20 defenders of all time list with **Franco Baresi** who with his talent and skill contributed greatly to his national team.

Franco Baresi (born May 8, 1960 in Travagliato), is a former Italian football youth team coach and former player. He played as a sweeper and spent his entire career with Serie A club AC Milan. He is considered one of the greatest defenders of all time.

He won the Champions League 3 times, as well as 6 Serie A titles, 4 Supercoppa Italiana, 3 European Super Cups, 2 Intercontinental Cups. With Italy, he won the 1982 World Cup. Baresi was nicknamed "Piscinini", Milanese for "Little one". In 1999, Baresi was voted AC Milan Player of the Century. In 2004, he was named in the FIFA 100 list of the "125 Greatest Living Footballers".

With the Italian national team won the World Cup 1982.

Baresi is the 2nd maximum

player in the history of AC Milan after Paolo Maldini with a total of 719 games.

He was selected in the 19th place as one of the top 100 players of the twentieth century by World Soccer magazine, also appears in the 17th position as one of the 100 best soccer players of the twentieth century by the magazine Placar in 1999.

He was also selected as one of the top 50 players of the twentieth century by the magazine Guerin Sportivo. Moreover Pelé named him one of the FIFA 100 players. He was included in the team of all time by the magazine Planet Foot in 1996, was also selected by the newspaper La Repubblica and the Dutch magazine Voetbal International as one of the most great football players and was selected player of the year in Italy in 1990.

For all this, in his honor the club AC Milan retired the jersey number 6 in recognition of his successful career and is considered today as one of the best sweepers in the world. FIFA describes him as a player 'extraordinary'.

Football: Napoli send 10-man Dortmund crashing

NAPLES (AFP) - Napoli condemned last season's Champions League runners-up Borussia Dortmund to their first defeat of the season on Wednesday as the Germans' European campaign endured a disastrous start.

Gonzalo Higuain and Lorenzo Insigne grabbed the goals in the Italians' 2-1 Group F win after Dortmund had goalkeeper Roman Weidenfeller red-carded on the stroke of half-time, with coach Jurgen Klopp also sent to the stands.

Napoli soaked up early pressure from the Germans who went into the match with a perfect record of five wins in the Bundesliga and not having lost a match since their Champions League final defeat to Bayern Munich in May.

Marco Reus slid a fine pass through for Robert Lewandowski in the 26th minute, but the Polish striker's

left-foot shot was well-saved by Pepe Reina.

Sven Bender then saw his volley from the edge of the box take a deflection over the crossbar.

Napoli grabbed the lead on the half-hour mark.

Camilo Zuniga crossed from the left for Higuain to get in front of Marcel Schmelzer and head the ball into the bottom corner beyond the dive of Weidenfeller.

It was the Argentine striker's second goal in successive games at the Stadio San Paolo, after netting in the weekend win over Atalanta, and his third in three games.

Klopp was so incensed by the goal that he was sent to the stands for his protests.

Ten minutes before the break, Reus volleyed wide of the target before the night got even worse for last season's runners-up.

Captain and goalkeeper Weidenfeller came rushing off his line to deny Higuain but was sent-off for handling outside the area.

Australian goalkeeper Mitchell Langerak came on to replace Weidenfeller and he was straight into action having to stop Higuain's low free-kick.

Langerak denied Gokhan Inler on the hour mark before Reus missed another golden chance when he shot over the bar.

Dortmund were made to pay for their wastefulness.

In the 67th minute, Insigne found the target when he curled a free-kick around the Dortmund wall and in off the underside of the crossbar.

Three minutes from time, Zuniga volleyed the ball into his own goal off the far post to give Dortmund hope but it was too little, too late.

MLB Standings

American League

| East | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|------|
| BOSTON | 92 | 60 | .605 | — |
| TAMPA | 82 | 68 | .547 | 9.0 |
| BALTIMORE | 80 | 70 | .533 | 11.0 |
| YANKEES | 79 | 72 | .523 | 12.5 |
| TORONTO | 69 | 81 | .460 | 22.0 |

| Central | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|------|
| DETROIT | 88 | 63 | .583 | — |
| CLEVELAND | 82 | 69 | .543 | 6.0 |
| KANSAS | 79 | 72 | .523 | 9.0 |
| MINNESOTA | 64 | 86 | .427 | 23.5 |
| CHICAGO | 60 | 91 | .397 | 28.0 |

| West | W | L | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|-----|------|------|
| OAKLAND | 89 | 62 | .589 | — |
| TEXAS | 82 | 68 | .547 | 6.5 |
| LA ANGELES | 73 | 78 | .483 | 16.0 |
| SEATTLE | 66 | 85 | .437 | 23.0 |
| HOUSTON | 51 | 100 | .338 | 38.0 |

x-Clinched Playoff Spot; y-Division Champ

National League

| East | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|------|
| ATLANTA | 89 | 62 | .589 | — |
| WASHINGTON | 81 | 70 | .536 | 8.0 |
| PHILADELPHIA | 71 | 80 | .470 | 18.0 |
| NY METS | 67 | 83 | .447 | 21.5 |
| MIAMI | 56 | 96 | .364 | 34.0 |

| Central | W | L | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|----|------|------|
| ST. LOUIS | 88 | 63 | .583 | — |
| PITTSBURGH | 87 | 64 | .576 | 1.0 |
| CINCINNATI | 86 | 66 | .566 | 2.5 |
| MILWAUKEE | 67 | 83 | .447 | 20.5 |
| CHICAGO | 63 | 88 | .417 | 25.0 |

| West | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|------|
| DODGERS | 87 | 64 | .576 | — |
| ARIZONA | 76 | 74 | .507 | 10.5 |
| SAN DIEGO | 70 | 80 | .467 | 16.5 |
| SAN FRANCISCO | 70 | 81 | .464 | 17.0 |
| COLORADO | 69 | 83 | .454 | 18.5 |

EuroBasket: Spain rout Serbia to join France in semis



LJUBLJANA (AFP) - Two-time reigning champions Spain eased past Serbia 90-60 Wednesday to reach the European basketball championships semi-finals where they will take on France in a rematch of the 2011 final.

France moved into the final four with a 72-62 win over Slovenia -- at the same time booking a spot in the 2014 World Cup, which will take place in Spain next summer.

France, who lost to Spain 98-85 in the 2011 final in Kaunas, were paced by their NBA star trio.

San Antonio Spurs superstar Tony Parker scored 27 points while Portland Trailblazers forward Nicolas Batum had 14 points, five rebounds, two assists and two blocks. Spurs forward Boris Diaw added 10 points and six rebounds.

France came into the game as the tournament's number one scoring offence but Slovenia held them to just two baskets in the first quarter.

France used a 10-0 run early in the third quarter to gain a 10-point lead and then a 7-0 spurt in the fourth period re-establish-

lished the 10-point advantage and France held on.

Slovenia were paced by Goran Dragic's 18 points and six assists while Zoran Dragic had 12 points and five rebounds in the loss.

In the day's first quarter-final, Spain were never challenged against Serbia with Sergio Rodriguez scoring 22 points and Rudy Fernandez collecting 19 points. Marc Gasol added seven points, five rebounds and six assists for Spain.

Spain dominated Serbia from the very start with the first eight points of the game and allowed just one basket in the quarter for a 21-5 lead with Fernandez scoring 13 points.

Rodriguez took over the second quarter with 14 points -- 11 of them coming in a 17-3 run which essentially decided the game as it put Spain ahead 43-17.

Spain never slowed down in the third quarter, increasing the lead to 40 points and easing to the win.

The remaining quarter-finals will be Croatia v Ukraine followed by the night-capper Lithuania v Italy on today.

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Baseball: Nationals win, pay tribute to shooting victims

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Stadium flags flew at half-staff and a moment of silence was observed Tuesday by the Washington Nationals in a Major League Baseball game postponed by shootings at nearby Navy Yard.

The Nationals scored twice in the final inning to edge the Atlanta Braves 6-5 in a game scheduled Monday but delayed after 12 people were killed by a gunman, who was later slain himself by police in an incident that took place just a few blocks from Nationals Park.

Players for both clubs had to set aside the tragedy that unfolded so nearby and refocus on their quests to reach the playoffs with less than two weeks remaining in the six-



month season.

US Navy Admiral James "Sandy" Winnefeld, a vice chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, thanked the Nationals for their aid after the tragedy.

The team opened their parking lots and the stadium area to care for the families of people

who were in the Navy Yard, feeding and caring for some of those who fled as police and law-enforcement officials secured the area.

Winnefeld met with players in the locker room before Tuesday's game and gave them Navy caps to wear during batting practice, some players holding them over their heart during the traditional pre-game playing of the US national anthem and the moment of silence.

Nationals players were still coming to grips with the shooting tragedy.

Nationals relief pitcher Craig Stammen called the situation "almost surreal" and added: "You don't think about people getting shot half a block away from your stadium. We have to get past it and move on."

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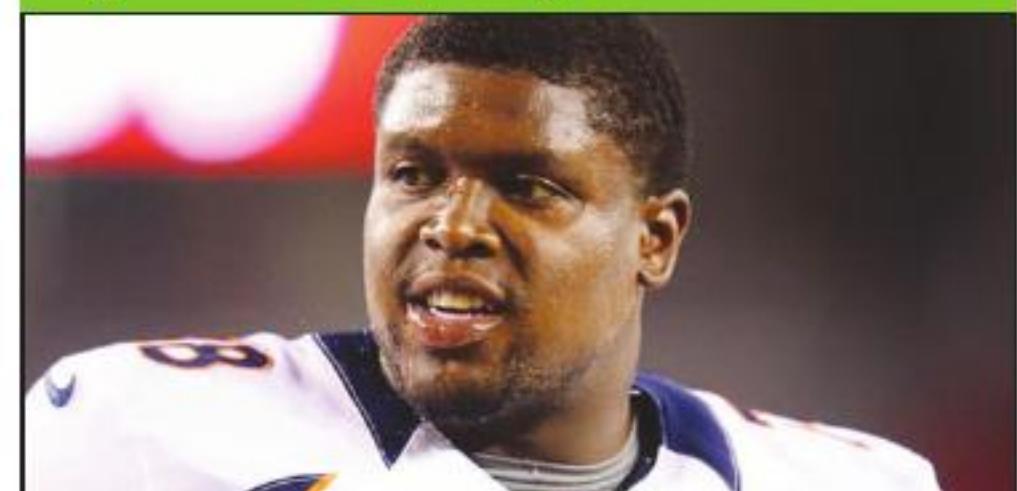
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NFL: Denver's Manning loses key blocker for year



DENVER (AFP) - Peyton Manning's primary blindside blocker, Denver Broncos offensive tackle Ryan Clady, was put on injured reserve for the remainder of the NFL season on Wednesday with a left foot injury.

The Broncos announced that Clady suffered a torn Lisfranc joint, an injury where his middle toes meet the rest of his foot, against the New York Giants in a 41-23 victory on Sunday.

Clady will need surgery, sidelining the three-time Pro Bowler for the final 14 games of the 2013 campaign and forcing reserve Chris Clark to step into the starting role of protecting the back of star quarterback Manning, whose nine touchdown passes in two games lead the

NFL, as does the Denver scoring attack with 90 points in two triumphs.

Clark, who has made only six NFL starts, signed a two-year contract extension on Monday as the Broncos began looking at Clady to analyze the extent of his injury.

The Broncos also signed eight-year NFL veteran tackle Winston Justice on Wednesday. Justice has made 43 starts in 59 career appearances.

Clady, who signed a five-year contract worth \$57.5 million with the Broncos in July, has not missed a game in six NFL seasons and Monday's game against Oakland will mark the first time the Broncos have played without Clady since the 2007 regular-season finale.



BOSTON (AFP) - Xander Bogaerts #72 of the Boston Red Sox hits a sacrifice fly to knock in a run in the fourth inning against the Baltimore Orioles at Fenway Park on Tuesday in Boston, Massachusetts. Bogaerts reached first when Nate McLouth #9 of the Baltimore Orioles dropped the ball. Orioles won 3-2 from Red Sox



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Washington center Emeka Okafor will be sidelined indefinitely with a herniated disc while NBA teammate Chris Singleton will miss between six and eight weeks with a left foot injury, the Wizards said Wednesday. The setbacks come just 10 days before the start of Washington's pre-season training camp. Okafor, the first member of his Nigerian-raised family to be born in the United States, was diagnosed with a ruptured C4 cervical disc after an MRI. Okafor averaged 9.7 points and 8.8 rebounds in 79 games for the Wizards last season. Singleton suffered a fracture in the fifth metatarsal in his left foot on Tuesday during a voluntary workout. He will need surgery to set the fracture. Singleton averaged 4.1 points and 3.2 rebounds in 57 games for the Wizards last season, when the club finished 29-53.

Football: Man United announce record £363.2m turnover

LONDON (AFP) - English football giants Manchester United announced record financial results on Wednesday after a year of rapid commercial expansion.

Having added a glut of new sponsors to their portfolio over the past 12 months, the 20-time English champions saw revenues rise 29.7% to £152.5 million (\$243.5 million, 182.4 million euros) for the year ending June 30, 2013.

The leap in revenues helped the club from the English northwest register a 13.4% increase in turnover to a club-record figure of £363.2 million, while debt fell 10.9 percent to £389.2 million.

United floated on the New York stock exchange last year, in a bid to tackle the huge debt loaded onto the club by American businessman Malcolm Glazer's takeover in 2005.

Sponsorship revenue alone in the 2012-13 period rose 44.1% to £90.9 million.

The club revealed that "exceptional items" costs of £6.2 million were partly due to the contracts of coaching staff members Mike Phelan, Rene Meulensteen and Eric Steele being cancelled following the departure of long-serving manager Alex Ferguson at the end of last season.

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Football: Messi hat-trick sees Barca sweep aside Ajax

BARCELONA (AFP) - Lionel Messi moved into second place on the all-time list of Champions League goalscorers with his 27th career hat-trick as Barcelona beat Ajax 4-0 at the Nou Camp on Wednesday.

The four-time World Player of the Year now has 62 Champions League goals to his name as Barca cruised to victory in the first ever competitive meeting between the two sides.

Messi opened the scoring on 22 minutes with a sensational

free-kick and made the game safe 10 minutes after half-time with a typically cool left-footed finish.

Gerard Pique added a third when he headed Neymar's cross past the stranded Kenneth Vermeer before Messi rounded off the scoring 15 minutes from time.

Messi also took time to lend his support to coach Gerardo Martino, who will fly back to Argentina after the game to attend his father's funeral.

Despite causing little threat of their own, Ajax had man-



aged to limit Barca fairly well in the opening 20 minutes with

a Neymar shot that was easily held by Vermeer the hosts'

only attempt on goal.

However, their good work was undone when Lerin Duarte unnecessarily dived in on Messi on the edge of the area and the Argentine picked himself up to fire the resulting free-kick in off the inside of the post.

The visitors were even denied a consolation when Valdes saved Kolbeinn Sigthorsson's penalty 13 minutes from time after Javier Mascherano had upended Thuri Serero.